

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3627 - SB 3621

February 8, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to submit annually to the transportation committees of the General Assembly, a list of all highway and bridge projects, except maintenance, repair or emergency projects, to be undertaken in the next fiscal year. No projects may be removed from the approved list and no new highway or bridge projects may be initiated until all projects on the approved list have been substantially completed. Requires inclusion of the project's name, expected time of completion including rights of way acquisition, movement of utilities, environmental permitting and construction, total project cost, and project ranking in order of priority to the Department. Authorizes TDOT to perform engineering studies or to obtain environmental permits for projects not approved by the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), this bill would limit the ability of TDOT to initiate projects at the end of the federal fiscal year to take advantage of availability of unused funds from other states that are reallocated by the federal government. In each of the past two years, TDOT has received approximately \$20 million in additional federal funds from such reallocations.

Assumption:

- No significant increase in state expenditures for TDOT to meet the legislative notification requirements.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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